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FOIPA Request No.: 1353768-000  
Subject: PERKINS, THOMAS J

Dear Mr. Higgins:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request for FBI records concerning Thomas Perkins. We are reaching out to you to determine if you are still interested in these records or, if at this time, you would consider reducing the size of your request from 1,430 pages to under 950 pages, which will move the request to the medium track. Reducing the size of your request may accelerate the processing and allow for a more timely receipt of the information you seek, as it could potentially place your request into a smaller, faster processing track. This may also reduce duplication costs, if applicable. Currently, there is a significant time involved in processing large track cases.

Requests are processed in the order in which they are received through our multi-track processing system, and the FBI receives a voluminous amount of requests on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis. Requests are divided into two primary tracks--simple (under 50 pages of potentially responsive documents) and complex (over 50 pages of potentially responsive documents). Complex requests are further divided into medium (51-950 pages), large (951-8000 pages), and extra-large (over 8000 pages) sub-tracks based upon request size.

Simple track requests typically require the least amount of time to process. The more potentially responsive pages a request has, the more complex it becomes, greatly increasing the time required for processing. Generally, the larger the file, the longer it takes to process.

A review of your request determined it is currently in the large track. The FBI contacted you by email on November 9 and November 19, 2018, to see if there might be a way to possibly narrow the scope. Please telephone my representative at 540-868-1695 or email [fbi.foipa.negotiation@fbi.gov](mailto:fbi.foipa.negotiation@fbi.gov) to confirm your interest in receiving this material. If a response is not received within 30 days of the date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in receiving this material and your request will be administratively closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

David M. Hardy  
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